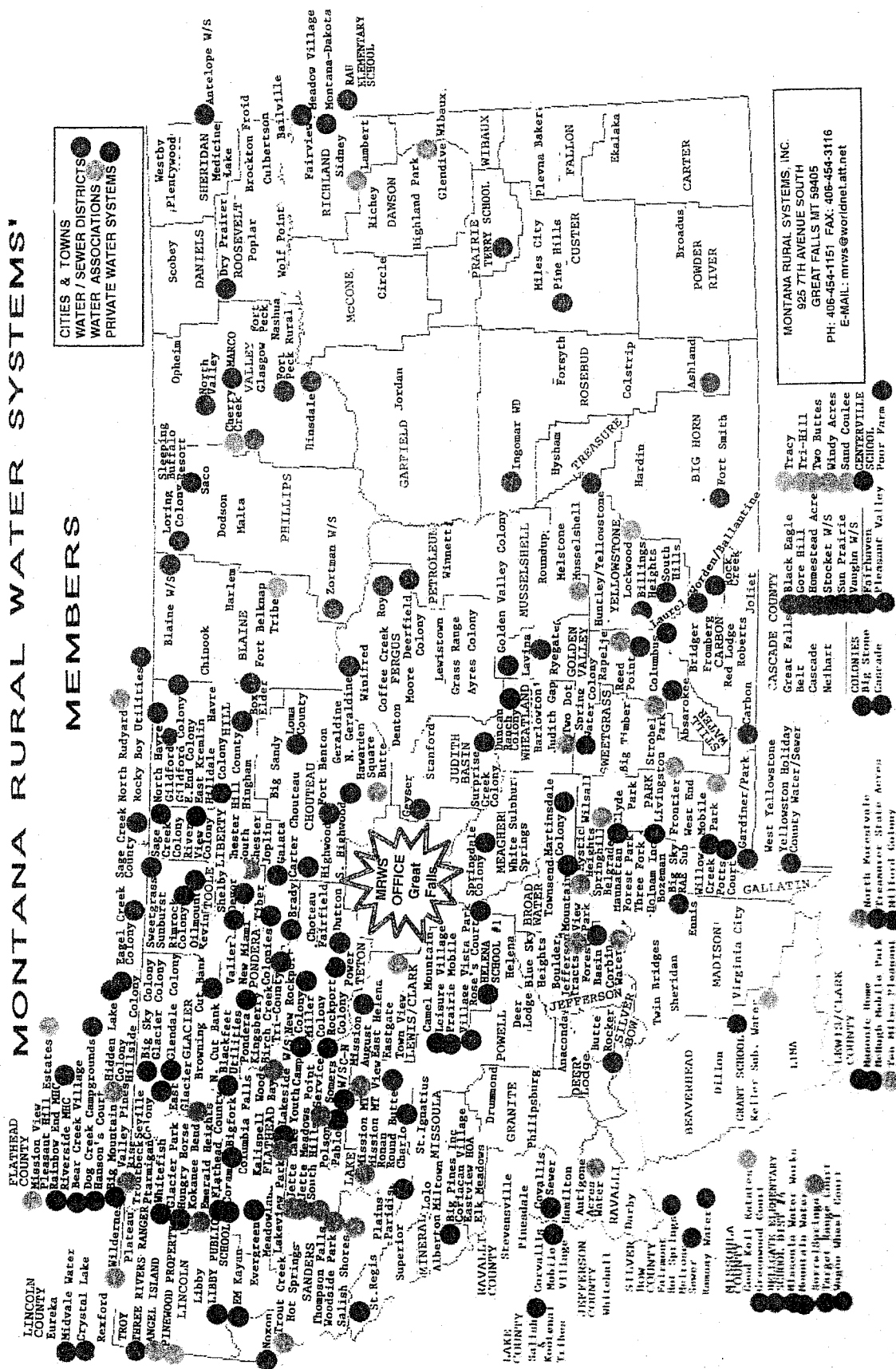


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March 2, 2011

Chairman Walter McNutt and Appropriations Committee Members
Chairman Dave Lewis and Finance & Claims Committee Members

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committees,

Montana Rural Water System, Inc. is submitting a petition in support of funding the TSEP Program to the past 2010 & 2011 level. This petition has over 150 member signatures in support of the TSEP funding.

Our 400 plus members in Montana and others which serve drinking water and return clean wastewater back to the citizens of Montana are asking you to support TSEP funding for critical Montana projects. Your approval and funding of this Program is important to the communities of MONTANA.

Please remember Committee Members – NO FUNDING = MORE NON-COMPLIANCE WITH DEQ = MORE MONTANA PROBLEMS. THE CITIZENS OF MONTANA NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!!

Please review the petition that was sent with this letter so cities, towns, districts, and water user associations are able to finance infrastructure projects to meet safety, compliance, and environmental requirements set forth by Federal and State laws.

Thanks again for your continued support of Montana Rural Water Systems.

Sincerely,

Donna Wadsworth

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February 23, 2011 [Petition to Speaker of the House - Representative Mike Milburn]
[Petition to President of the Senate – Senator Jim Peterson]

Dear Representative Milburn and Senator Peterson: All Small and Rural Communities in Montana Need Your Help.

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We cannot emphasize enough how important this program is to the State and rural systems of Montana. Without funding this program, all of the water and wastewater systems in our State will lose access to these projects and will again place another burden on the rate payers of these systems.

We thank you both for your kind attention and consideration.

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Name: Douglas Combs

Community/Utility: MT State FWP

Name: Tony Reed

Community/Utility: Lockwood Water

Name: JB

Community/Utility: Lockwood water

Name: WOODY WOODS (Woody Wood)

Community/Utility: LOCKWOOD WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Name: William Ridgway

Community/Utility: Hanging Tree Water Users Assoc.

Name: Bobbie Skular

Community/Utility: Homestead Hires

Name: Neil Rich

Community/Utility: City of Winifred

Name: Greg Anderson

Community/Utility: City of Sidney

Name: Ronald J. Robertson

Community/Utility: CITY OF E. Helena

Name: KELLY P. FLETCHER Kelly P Fletcher

Community/Utility: MALMSTROM AFB

Name: Agnes Fowler Agnes Fowler

Community/Utility: City of Conrad

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Name: TONY PORIAZZO

Community/Utility: City of Polson

Name: Dave Jones

Community/Utility: Hill County Water Dist

Name: JERRY M. KETCHUM Jerry M Ketchum

Community/Utility: North Valley County Water & Sewer District

Name: GARY E. WINING Gary E Wining

Community/Utility: ARLEE / Lake Co Water & Sewer

Name: ROY MILLS ROY MILLS

Community/Utility: ARLEE / Lake Co Water & Sewer

Name: RAY WALSH

Community/Utility: Windy Acres Water Assn Great Falls

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Name: Mary Heller

Community/Utility: North Central MT Regional Water

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Name: Paul Muscott

Community/Utility: City of Helena

Name: David Schuler

Community/Utility: Gore Hill County Water Dist

Name: Barbara Dickman

Community/Utility: Town of Kinn

Name: DAK David A. King

Community/Utility: RAE Water & Sewer

Name: John P. Sherlin

Community/Utility: City of Concord

Name: Beverly J. Pepos

Community/Utility: Stockett Water & Sewer District

Name: David D. Khan

Community/Utility: Ronan, Mt. 59864

Name: Gloria Kramer

Community/Utility: Ronan Mt.

Name: Mike Nolan

Community/Utility: Lincoln Sewer Dist

Name: Roger Bunderburg

Community/Utility: Lincoln/Lewis & Clark

Name: Annette Potter

Community/Utility: Seeley Lake water district

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Name: Barbara L. Ciffano

Community/Utility: Collins

Name: JOE Wilson

Community/Utility: Forest Park

Name: BOB LOUCKS

Community/Utility: Windsor Estates

Name: Ludgy Algren

Community/Utility: Valier MT

Name: Melvin Randall MK Randall

Community/Utility: Ranch Water Bigfork MT

Name: Alan T. Oakley Alan T. Oakley

Community/Utility: Fairfield Town of Fairfield

Name: Gayle Sheunahue

Community/Utility: City of Bonan

Name: Wanda Whetstone

Community/Utility: Town of St Ignatius

Name: Shirley Ewan

Community/Utility: City of Laurel

Name: Ronda Mitch

Community/Utility: Plains, MT

Name: Russell Laitheiser

Community/Utility: Brady County water and sewer dist.

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Name: Jodi Rogers Jodi Rogers

Community/Utility: City of Choteau

Name: Dan C. Nelson

Community/Utility: SPCW

Name: Beverly J. Pepos

Community/Utility: Stockett Water & Sewer District

Name: ~~Russell~~

Community/Utility:

Name: Russell Leitheiser

Community/Utility: Brady county water and sewer dist.

Name: Merrill Walker Merrill Walker

Community/Utility: Lockwood Water & Sewer District

Name: Thekla Leitheiser

Community/Utility: Brady county w/s Dir.

Name: Joe Anutz

Community/Utility: Sage Creek

Name: DAVID HARRIS David Harris

Community/Utility: City of Miles City

Name: Rueben J. Kleinsasser

Community/Utility: Golden Valley Colonx

Name: Angela M. Bolton

Community/Utility: Wolfe Water Mgmt.

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Name: DUSTIN WHITE

Community/Utility: TOSBA WATER - Rocky Bay

Name: Ned Parpart

Community/Utility: Fort Peck Rural County Water District

Name: Jamie Dunn

Community/Utility: Missoula County Public Works

Name: Robert Church

Community/Utility: Helena, MT

Name: Barry E. Van

Community/Utility: Barry Damscher Consulting

Name: Susan Hoshman

Community/Utility: Town of Dutton

Name: Dave Aune

Community/Utility: Helena MT

Name: Christina Midgley

Community/Utility: Liquid Engineering

Name: Daniel Mikulecky

Community/Utility: Hill Co Water Dist

Name: SCOTT DECKER

Community/Utility: HILL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Name: Joe S. Zofor

Community/Utility: Springdale Colony Operator

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Name: John Lewis

Community/Utility: City of Columbia Falls

Name: ARTHUR TACHE

Community/Utility: MISSOULA/MTN WATER CO.

Name: Alan Helm

Community/Utility: City of Miles City

Name: David D Hga

Community/Utility: Cut Bank Hidden Lake

Name: Ken Johnson

Community/Utility: BO BELGRADE, MT

Name: Rich Sushorsky

Community/Utility: Butte Silver Bow Water Utility Div.

Name: Arthur Adamson

Community/Utility: Devon Water Inc

Name: Sally Carothers

Community/Utility: Belgrade

Name: Michael Carothers

Community/Utility: Belgrade

Name: Paula

Community/Utility: Lockwood

Name: Lon Sibley

Community/Utility: Roundup

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Name: Kathleen A Smit

Community/Utility: Bullings

Name: Bob Ringler

Community/Utility: Helena

Name: Nick Morrell

Community/Utility: RONAN, MT.

Name: Kevin Little

Community/Utility: Hamilton, MT.

Name: Fred Lessman Jr.

Community/Utility: CITY OF HAMILTON

Name: Brad R L

Community/Utility: City of Hamilton

Name: KYLE LEININGER

Community/Utility: Westby, MT

Name: Tammy Hooge

Community/Utility: Manhattan, MT

Name: TERRY THRECKER

Community/Utility: GRAND GATEWAY

Name: Mark Lampman

Community/Utility: City of Col Falls

Name: Gene Woods

Community/Utility: City of Columbia Falls

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Name: Chelee Peterson

Community/Utility: City of Thompson Falls

Name: Jay Sany

Community/Utility: City of Thompson Falls

Name: Hugh Robertson

Community/Utility: City of Columbia Falls

Name: John Kleinsasser

Community/Utility: Town of Chester

Name: Matt Wheeler

Community/Utility: City of Laurel

Name: Jim Rice

Community/Utility: Helena, mt

Name: Guy Nelson

Community/Utility: City of Laurel

Name: Kat Markague

Community/Utility: City of Laurel

Name: Loren Shotton

Community/Utility: City of Shelby

Name: Rob Habeto

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Name: Bill Mox

Community/Utility: City of Shelby

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Name: Doug Crawford

Community/Utility: Bozeman, MT.

Name: Alan Bailey

Community/Utility: KALISPELL, MT.

Name: Doug Peppmeier

Community/Utility: Kalispell, MT

Name: Kelly Elmer

Community/Utility: Ennis & Melrose

Name: Lisa Guinnane

Community/Utility: Ennis Montana

Name: JOHN CLARK

Community/Utility: ENNIS MT

Name: Richard Lake

Community/Utility: Denton MT.

Name: Ed McHugh

Community/Utility: McHugh Mobil Home Park

Name: John E. Papp

Community/Utility: Gracy Zooten users

Name: Richard Anderson

Community/Utility: City of Conrad

Name: Duane Martien

Community/Utility: Town of Ennis

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Name: MUSSE Widseth

Community/Utility: _____

Name: Mark Solnosky

Community/Utility: Town of Ryegate

Name: PERRY HOFFERBER

Community/Utility: RAE WATER DIST 313

Name: Jen Gillam

Community/Utility: RAE Water

Name: Mitzi Gillam

Community/Utility: RAE W & S

Name: Judy Lund

Community/Utility: Rae Water

Name: Robert Lund

Community/Utility: Rae Sewer and Water

Name: Elias D Wipf

Community/Utility: Springdale Colony

Name: John J Waldner Water & Wastewater

Community/Utility: Miller Colony

Name: Joe Waldner

Community/Utility: Sage Creek Colony

Name: Paul J Wipf Water

Community/Utility: Glendale Colony

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Name: Jan R. Clark

Community/Utility: Helena

Name: Edith W. Loken

Community/Utility: Town of EXALAMA

Name: Doug Porter

Community/Utility: TOWNS of FROID & Bainville MT

Name: Troy R. Behm

Community/Utility: TOWN OF DUTTON, DUTTON MT

Name: VINCENT CHAPPELL

Community/Utility: SEELEY LAKE WATER DISTRICT SEELEY LAKE, MT.

Name: Joe Coughlin

Community/Utility: City of Moscow Moscow mt.

Name: Charles A. Buckler

Community/Utility: Town of Joliet

Name: Emil W. Malin

Community/Utility: Town of Clyde Park

Name: Edward L. Moore

Community/Utility: Em Kavan Village (Libby)

Name: BENE TRACY - BEN TRACY

Community/Utility: EM KAVAN VILLAGE - LIBBY

Name: GEORGE A. DENGEL - George A. Dengel

Community/Utility: Town of Grass Range

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Name: Richard Payton

Community/Utility: Town of Rexford

Name: Dennis Heppner

Community/Utility: Goreville Water District

Name: M. J. Houtman

Community/Utility: WILLSALL WATER DISTRICT

Name: Robert Gordon

Community/Utility: North Valley County Sewer & Water Dist

Name: Don Kai

Community/Utility: Libby Water Dist

Name: Robert Butler

Community/Utility: Blackfoot Utilities

Name: Jacquelynne Shubel

Community/Utility: Town of Valier

Name: Roger Weyen

Community/Utility: Town of Valier

Name: Richard R. Hether

Community/Utility: TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG

Name: Carrie L. Hachne

Community/Utility: Philipsburg

Name: Larry Emmett

Community/Utility: Carter/Chouteau County Water

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Name: Connie M. Ryan

Community/Utility: Manhattan MT 59741

Name: David R Ryan

Community/Utility: Manhattan MT 59741

Name: Heberne Emmert

Community/Utility: Chouteau County Center, MT.

Name: James Cornell

Community/Utility: Loma Water Dist Loma, MT

Name: Melee K. Valett MK Valett

Community/Utility: Somers, MT

Name: Lori A. Eby

Community/Utility: Bore Hill County Water District

Name: Ferry Women

Community/Utility: Grass Hill Water

Name: David M. Mitt

Community/Utility: Town of Plains.

Name: JENNIFER MULLINS

Community/Utility: TOWN OF GRASS RANGE

Name: Robin Franzen

Community/Utility: Town of Belt

Name: Kelly Hirsch

Community/Utility: City of Choteau

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Name: James Cornell

Community/Utility: Long water Dist Loma Mts.

Name: Joe Van

Community/Utility: Town of Cascade

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Name: Jack Kelly

Community/Utility: P.C. Zortman Water & Sewer Dist.

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